

USAG-Humphreys gets new commander

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USAG Humphreys – Col. John E. Dumoulin Jr., took command of USAG-Humphreys during a change of command ceremony on May 18 at Soldiers Field here.

Col. Michael J. Taliento Jr., the outgoing commander leaves the area, but will assume a position on the United States Forces Korea special staff in USAG-Yongsan. Brig. Gen. Al A. Aycock, the Installation Management Command – Korea Region, director and the guest speaker for the ceremony, commended Taliento for a job well done during his tenure as USAG-Humphreys commander.

“Today we bid farewell to an outstanding command team and Family — Col. Mike Taliento, his wife Tammy and their two children, Christian and Emma,” Aycock said.

“Make no doubt about it — this is a significant ceremony because the task of transforming Camp Humphreys is an enormous one, and Mike, you should be very proud.”

With the ongoing construction projects that are taking place at Humphreys, Aycock said that he is more than confident in his incoming commander’s ability as a leader, and he is sure Dumoulin is up to the challenge of guiding Humphreys in the right direction.

“I couldn’t be more certain that you

are the best choice for command of this garrison,” said Aycock of Dumoulin. “I have enormous confidence in your abilities.”

During the ceremony, Dumoulin expressed his sincere gratitude for being handed the reigns for Humphreys as well his sentiment about being a warfighter in today’s Army.

“What a great day to be a Soldier, Family member, Civilian, retiree and contractor here in the United States Army Garrison-Humphreys.” Dumoulin said.

“I look forward to this new and most challenging assignment.”

USAG-Humphreys is the focal point for the U.S. military during a time in which it is diligently trying to transition into a more flexible and more diverse force.

This reconstruction concept is the driving force behind the camp’s transformation efforts, and the growth promises to be substantial.

“The master plan for the future expansion of Humphreys is an incredible undertaking,” Dumoulin said.

“Our garrison mission to support readiness and mission execution remains paramount,” he added. “Together we will continue to make Humphreys the premier assignment in Korea and in the Army,” said Dumoulin. “I will be your number one Ambassador.”



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Brig. Gen. Al A. Aycock, IMCOM-Korea director, passes the unit colors to Col. John E. Dumoulin Jr., USAG-Humphreys incoming commander, during the change of command ceremony at Soldiers Field May 18.

Dumoulin charged with commanding USAG-H

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Col. John E. Dumoulin takes control of USAG-Humphreys after serving as commander for USAG-Daegu, formerly known as Area IV Support Activity. His initial assignment was as a Field Artillery officer with 2nd Armored Division based out of Fort Hood, Texas. While there, Dumoulin served as the executive officer and fire direction officer for 1st Battalion, 92nd Field Artillery. Upon completion of flight school, he transferred to aviation with duty at Fort Campbell, Ky.

During that assignment, he was an attack platoon leader, forward arming and refueling platoon leader, and commander for Headquarters and Service Company, 1st Battalion, 101st Aviation Regiment.

From there Dumoulin became an aide-de-camp for the deputy commanding general of Sixth United States Army, Presidio of San Francisco, Cali.

His follow-on assignment included a trip overseas where he was stationed in Uijeongbu, South Korea. There Dumoulin held the positions of adjutant and supply officer for 1st Battalion 2nd Aviation Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division.

From 1993 to 1996, he served as the operations and training officer for 1st



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Battalion, 223rd Aviation Regiment, as well as operations and training officer for the Aviation Training Brigade at Fort Rucker, Ala. Dumoulin then served a joint tour as a plans and operations officer for the United States Air Force Battlestaff Training School at Hurlbur Field, Fla., executive officer for the 4th Aviation Brigade, 4th Infantry Division at Fort Hood, garrison commander for Fort A.P. Hill, Va., executive officer to the director of IMA and chief of training for Mission Support Branch and Operations and Mobilization Branch, IMA Operations Division in Arlington, Va. Dumoulin’s military education includes completion of the U.S. Army War College, Armed Forces Staff College, Command and General Staff College. He also completed the Joint Air Operations Staff course, UH-60 Blackhawk Helicopter Instructor Pilot course, Rotary Wing Aviator Qualification course, Aviation Officer Advance course, Field Artillery Officer Basic and Advanced courses, Airborne school and the Air Assault School. He is rated in the UH-1, AH-1, OH-58 and UH-60 Helicopters.

Dumoulin’s military awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with six oak leaf clusters, Army Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters, Joint Service Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korea Defense Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Ribbon and the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award. He has been awarded the Senior Army Aviator Badge, Parachutist Badge and the Air Assault Badge.

Dumoulin is married to the former Jean Buckley of San Antonio, Texas. They have two sons.